

Truck and Bus Regulation

Log Truck Phase-in Option

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How are log trucks defined?

Log trucks are eligible for the log truck phase-in option if they are heavy-duty vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 33,000 lbs., exclusively transport logs, and have permanently attached log bunks.

What is the log truck phase-in option?

Owners of log trucks can take advantage of this compliance option instead of meeting the engine model year schedule, phase-in compliance schedule, or other compliance schedules for vehicles with a GVWR greater than 26,000 lbs. Owners can decide which log trucks in their fleet will comply with this option, and do not need to include all log trucks. PM filters are not required for log trucks complying with this option; instead they must upgrade to 2010 model year engines on a separate replacement schedule from 2014 to 2023. The option can be used by log trucks that operate statewide, and there are no mileage limits. The following table lists the compliance schedule:

Log Truck Phase-in Option Compliance Schedule	
Compliance Deadline as of January 1	Percent of Log Trucks with 2010 Model Year Engines
2012	0%
2013	0%
2014	10%
2015	20%
2016	30%
2017	40%
2018	50%
2019	60%
2020	70%
2021	80%
2022	90%
2023	100%

How do I take advantage of the log truck phase-in option?

A fleet owner may opt to have some or all of the log trucks in the fleet comply with the log truck phase-in option by reporting which log trucks will use the log truck phase-in option, by January 31 of the compliance year or when the fleet is first required to report to use other compliance options. The number of log trucks in the fleet using the log truck phase-in option will be defined at the time the fleet initially reports, but the number of log trucks using the log truck phase-in option cannot be higher than the number of trucks owned by the fleet on January 1, 2009. Qualifying log trucks must be labeled within 30 days of reporting. Fleet owners must permanently affix or paint the letters "AG" in white block lettering that is three inches high on a five inch by eight inch black background on the left and right door. The labels must be in clear view at all times. ARB will not issue the label.

Am I allowed to replace a log truck that was using the log truck phase-in option?

After the initial opt-in, the fleet owner may replace a log truck and retain the extension as long as the engine in the replacement vehicle is at least one model year newer than the one being replaced.

Am I allowed to opt out of the log truck phase-in option?

No. At initial reporting, the number of trucks that are identified by the fleet owner as using the log truck phase-in option establishes the number of trucks that must upgrade to a 2010 model year engine according to the log truck phase-in schedule. Log trucks that do not use the log truck phase-in option may use any of the credits, extensions, and exemptions available to other trucks.

Where can I find more information about the regulation?

Fact sheets, compliance tools and regulatory documents are available at www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck or by calling ARB's diesel hotline at (866) 6DIESEL (634-3735).

While this document is intended to assist fleets with their compliance efforts, it is the sole responsibility of fleets to ensure compliance with the Truck and Bus Regulation.